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1260 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO SET RATES ON THE BASIS OF INTERPRETATION OF FEDERAL LAW Kany Bost Baker (for PUC) RE-REFERRED TO JUDICIARY AND HELD OVER

SUMMARY: Would give PUC the authority to interpret federal tax law and to take actions in conflict with federal agency policy, but not contrary to federal law.

1264 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO EXPEND REVENUES COLLECTED AS FILING FEES OR EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS Baldacci H. Lewis Baker (for PUC) ENACT. PL 229 (OTPA)

SUMMARY: A bookkeeping measure that places filing fees and expense reimbursements collected by PUC in a dedicated fund and appropriates the money from the fund to PUC. Fines and unused funds go the General Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-63) makes it clear that authorized refunds of filing fees may be made from the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund. Also requires that PUC report annually on the amount and use of any such fees.

1274 AN ACT TO RAISE THE ANNUAL PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION REGULATORY FUND ASSESSMENTS TO \$1,450,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1984 AND \$1,500,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1985 Baldacci Vose Kany Bost (for PUC) LV/WD (Replaced by ID 1520)

SUMMARY: Would have increased the assessment on activities to support the regulatory fund by \$150,000 in FY 84, and \$50,000 more in FY 85. These are 11% and 3% increases. The number of positions is increased by (3) in FY 84 and (3) more in FY 85.

1281 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO HOLD JOINT HEARINGS WITH FEDERAL PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY BODIES Z. Matthews Weymouth Baldacci (for PUC) ENACT. PL 206 (OTP)

SUMMARY: Authorizes PUC to hold joint hearings with federal regulatory bodies such as FERC and FCC, in addition to regulatory bodies in other states.